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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Please cancel claim 2. Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A biologically pure culture of a strain of *Chromobacterium* subtsugae sp. nov. having all the identifying characteristics of NRRL B-30655.
 - 2. (cancelled)
- 3. (currently amended) A strain biologically pure culture of a strain of Chromobacterium which has a 16S rDNA gene sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 4. (withdrawn) An insecticidally-active metabolite obtained from the strain of claim 1.
- 5. (withdrawn) A supernatant, filtrate or extract obtained from the strain of claim 1, wherein said supernatant, filtrate or extract has insecticidal activity.
- 6. (original) A composition useful for control of insect pests, which comprises the strain of claim 1.
- 7. (withdrawn) A composition useful for control of insect pests, which comprises the metabolite of claim 4.
- 8. (withdrawn) A composition useful for control of insect pests, which comprises the supernatant, filtrate or extract of claim 5.
- 9. (withdrawn) A method of controlling insects, comprising applying in an area where an insect is to be controlled an effective insect control amount of *Chromobacterium*

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subtsugae sp. nov., an insecticidally-active metabolite obtained from Chromobacterium subtsugae sp. nov. or a supernatant, filtrate or extract obtained from Chromobacterium subtsugae sp. nov.

10. (withdrawn) A method for producing an insecticidally-active metabolite from the strain of claim 1, which comprises:

growing the strain of claim 1 in a culture medium under conditions effective to produce an insecticidally-active metabolite.

11. (withdrawn) The method of claim 10 which further includes the step of separating the insecticidally-active metabolite from the culture medium.